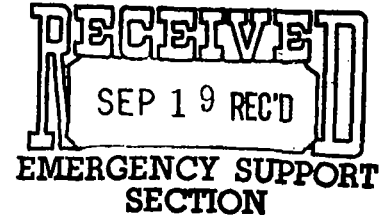




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Howard L. Storch
221 Raleigh Road
Kenilworth, IL 60043

September 17, 2001
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Ms. Mary Fulgham
United States Environmental
Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: Lindsay Light Building
161 E. Grand Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Ms. Fulgham:

In response to the information request sent to me on June 14, 2001, and the attached letter of August 31, 2001, please note the following:

1. I am 95 years old and, having retired, no longer have in my possession any records pertaining to the property at 161 E. Grand Ave. in Chicago.
2. My attorney, who handled all legal matters, William R. Seibert, has been deceased for over 25 years, and his law firm dissolved long ago.
3. When I purchased the building in the 1950's, it was mostly vacant except for one tenant, Speed-O-Print. The only improvements I made were cosmetic—paint, partitions, drop ceiling and lighting—in order to rent the building as office and loft space.
4. There were no environmental problems during my ownership.

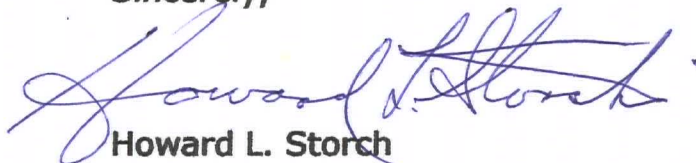
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Sometime in the 1980's, I sold the property to Streeterville Studios, Inc., whose principals were James Dolan, Ron Steele, and Jim Smith. My firm was employed by Streeterville to manage the building, and the property manager assigned to the building was Chris Ball. I have spoken with Chris Ball, and between the two of us, this is what we recollect happened during the 1980's when Streeterville was the owner and we the manager.

- EPA on its own initiative undertook an environmental survey of the building.
- They discovered thorium radiation in the basement and on the second floor across from the elevator, in the suite occupied by Optimus, and in a few other locations.
- The thorium was removed, except from the second floor where it had impregnated the wood floor and joists, which were then covered with asphalt, an encapsulation method recommended by the EPA.
- At the termination of the work done by EPA, or an EPA contractor, the building was given a clean bill of health, as I recall.

This is a full and complete disclosure of everything I know about the 161 E. Grand property. Because I am hard of hearing, if you have any further questions, please direct them to my son, Richard L. Storch, who has already spoken with you. He can be reached at (202) 775-4188. I hope this information is of assistance to you in correcting environmental problems at this property.

Sincerely,



Howard L. Storch

HLS:lm
Encl.

Cc: Ms. Debra Regal, EPA ✓
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Mr. Howard L. Storch
221 Raleigh Road
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Re: Lindsay Light Building, 161 East Grand Avenue
Chicago, IL

Dear Mr. Storch:

On June 14, 2001, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) issued an information request to you pursuant to Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. §9604(e). The information request was served by certified mail on June 15, 2001. This information request required you to provide certain documents and information within twenty (20) business days of receipt.

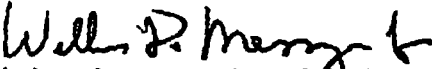
Although the July 16, 2001, deadline for your response has passed, U.S. EPA has not received any response to the information request. U.S. EPA therefore requests that you comply immediately with that information request. You may, if you desire, assert a business confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested, in the manner described by 40 CFR 2.203 (b). Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by U.S. EPA only to the extent, and only by means of the procedures, provided in 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by U.S. EPA, it may be made available to the public by U.S. EPA without further notice to you.

Continued failure to comply with U.S. EPA's information request, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, may subject you to an enforcement action seeking to compel compliance and collect penalties of up to \$27,500 per day of noncompliance pursuant to Section 104(e)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9604(e)(5). U.S. EPA has the authority to use the information requested herein in an administrative, civil, or criminal action.

Please contact Mary Fulghum, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-4683 if you have any legal questions regarding this matter.

All other questions should be directed to Debra Regel, Emergency Enforcement & Support Section, at (312) 353-7632.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard C. Karl", followed by a stylized flourish or checkmark.

Richard C. Karl, Chief
Emergency Response Branch

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